

City of Norfolk
Virginia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, our country, founded on the precepts of freedom and liberty and rich in cultural diversity, is home to millions of citizens who appeal to a higher being for guidance, wisdom and assistance; and

WHEREAS, through prayer and daily meditation, individuals take time to reflect on the value of life and the beauty of our world while asking for peace, security and direction; and

WHEREAS, our prayers support a nation that promotes liberty, individual freedom and the right to religious expression, and these founding precepts remind us of the great trials that our ancestors struggled and persevered against in obtaining these rights; and

WHEREAS, prayer is an integral dimension of the human condition and we shall never overlook, forget or neglect the individual or group right to express religious freedom through prayer, meditation and personal reflection; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2013 National Day of Prayer is "Pray for America;" and

WHEREAS, May 2, 2013 marks the 62nd consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer, as mandated by both houses of Congress and by our President in Public Law 100-307;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. FRAIM, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2013 as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in the City of Norfolk and urge all our citizens to join together in their homes, places of work, and places of worship, to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind, and to continue in prayer for our City, our State, and our Nation.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of May 2013.




PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR